

City of Detroit
Department of Recreation Performance Audit
Exhibit 4 – Belton-Mark Twain Playground

Overall Evaluation – Poor Condition

- Lots of trash and debris that appeared to have been there for some time.
- Grass had not been mowed and was approximately 12 inches high.
- Initial visit in June showed two swings hung and eight missing. Follow up visit six weeks later showed seven swings hung and three missing.
- Equipment (a climbing structure, a slide, three swing sets) was old with chipped and peeling paint. There were no shock absorbent surfaces around or below equipment.
- A broken fence (which appeared to have been broken for a while) noted in the initial visit was still not repaired at the time of the follow-up visit six weeks later.



Overgrown grass and weeds surround benches. Fence poles without fencing.

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Swing sets with chipped and peeling paint. Two swings were missing. Grass was high and no shock absorbent material was on the surface beneath the swings.



Swing set with no swings. Poles had chipped and peeling paint. Grass was high.